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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC

FROM: SA

SUBJECT:

*Att. Supr.*  
*ARMANDO PENHA*  
*Source of Information*

DATE: *5/23/58*

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Dates of Contact

*5/22/58*

Titles & File #s on which contacted

*100-14461*

Purpose & results of contact

☒ Negative  
☐ Positive

☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all  
information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating

*Good*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Boston [REDACTED]

DATE: May 29, 1958 b7E

FROM : Director, FBI (100-372696)

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Reurlet 5-19-58 advising Mr. Homer Chase of New Hampshire, a Communist Party leader, has alleged that Penha stole money from the Party, previously stole from a labor union and also from the John Hancock Insurance Company.

You are instructed to review the files of your office and determine if there is any basis for the above allegations. If the files of your office do not reflect the reason why Penha was discharged from the John Hancock Insurance Company, a discreet contact should be made with appropriate officials of this insurance company and a determination made as to whether or not Penha while employed by this company misappropriated company funds.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

SAC

(Att Super)

FROM:

SA

DATE:

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SUBJECT:

ARMANDO PENHA.  
SOURCE OF Info.

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Dates of Contact

6/4/58

Titles & File #s on which contacted

100-32353

100-7908

Purpose & results of contact

☐ Negative  
☒ Positive

☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all  
information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-339365)

June 10, 1958

SAC, BOSTON (100-23957)

JOSEPH SHERMAN, was.  
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Referral/Consult

This office is in receipt of a letter from

The above requested review will be made and the Bureau and advised accordingly.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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ARMANDO PENHA

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DIRECTOR, FBI

June 17, 1958

SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED]

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On June 4, 1958, ARMANDO PENHA (formerly [REDACTED]) confidentially advised SA [REDACTED] that he talked on the telephone on June 3, 1958 with GEORGE WILLIAMS, an investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. WILLIAMS told PENHA that the HCUA had [REDACTED] of Durham, North Carolina, come to Washington, D. C. to appear before an Executive Session of the Committee as a result of [REDACTED] having been first approached by PENHA about April 16 or 17, 1958. WILLIAMS told PENHA on June 3, 1958, that when [REDACTED] appeared before the Executive Session in Washington, he seemed to be cooperative but he also appeared to be under the influence of some drug. As a result, WILLIAMS told PENHA that he, WILLIAMS, made an investigation in the vicinity of Durham, N. C. concerning [REDACTED] and found that [REDACTED] had been under the influence of some drug (drug not named to PENHA) and as a result, the Committee does not intend to use [REDACTED] as a witness.

For the information of the Charlotte Office, ARMANDO PENHA (who should be described in any report as a former member of the Communist Party) was used by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a witness at a public hearing in Boston, Mass. from March 18-21, 1958. Following PENHA's exposure at that time, he has been used by the Committee and that agency gave him a credential as a Special Investigator. He went to Durham, N. C. about April 16 or 17, 1958 and tried to talk to some of the people whom he met when he visited that area as a representative of the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party in September 1955. PENHA contacted [REDACTED] on or about April 16 or 17, 1958 and [REDACTED] indicated that he would cooperate with the Government. As a result, the House Committee on Un-American Activities had [REDACTED] come to Washington recently.

In view of the fact that the foregoing information emanates from HCUA, it should not be included in report form without prior Bureau clearance. The above is for completion of your files.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Charlotte (RM)  
1 - Boston [REDACTED]

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AIRTEL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)  
FROM SAC, WFO (100-22169)  
HCUA

6/17/58

GEORGE WILLIAMS, HCUA, on 6/17/58 confidentially  
advised SA [REDACTED] that the following individuals  
will be subpoenaed to testify before HCUA at Atlanta, Ga.,  
on 7/1/58:

IRVING FISHMAN, Bureau of Customs, who will  
testify concerning propaganda received  
Jacksonville, Mobile and Savannah for  
distribution in the South.

EUGENE FELDMAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
address is [REDACTED]  
Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES COE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York City.

DON WEST, R.F.D. # 4, Douglasville, Ga.

CARL BRADEN and ANNE BRADEN, [REDACTED]  
Louisville, Ky.

ARMANDO PENEIA, former FBI informant in Boston,  
Mass.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta
- ① - Boston
- 2 - Charlotte
- 2 - Chicago
- 2 - Louisville
- 3 - New York
- 1 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Richmond
- 1 - WFO

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WFO 100-22169

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, [REDACTED]  
West Chicago, Ill. Employment [REDACTED]

WILLIAM MATTHEWS, [REDACTED] Brooklyn,  
New York. Employment [REDACTED]

MARGE SPURNY, [REDACTED] Greensboro,  
North Carolina. Employment [REDACTED]

CARL KORSTAD, address, approximately ten miles  
outside Greensboro, North Carolina  
[REDACTED] Employment [REDACTED]

FANNIE LIGHT, [REDACTED] Bronx, or  
[REDACTED]

PHILIP SABA and CLARA SABA, [REDACTED]  
Roanoke, Virginia. Her employment  
[REDACTED]

JEROME VAN CAMP, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

SAC

(Att Supv. [redacted])

FROM:

SA

[redacted]

DATE:

6/20/58

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SUBJECT:

ARMANDO PENHA  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

[redacted]

Dates of Contact

June 12, 17 & 19, 1958

Titles & File #s on which contacted

100-11566

100-17602

100-17516

100-32353

100-25649

100-24298

Purpose & results of contact

☐ Negative  
☒ Positive

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Security Informant certified that he had furnished all  
information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32353)  
SUBJECT: HCUA

Re: ARMANDO PENHA  
Source of Information

ARMANDO PENHA advised SA [REDACTED] on 6/19/58 that he had just received a letter from GEORGE C. WILLIAMS, Investigator for the HCUA, which stated the Atlanta Hearings have been advanced and are now set for July 1 and 2, 1958. PENHA was requested to be at Atlanta as a witness concerning Communist Party activities in the south as obtained primarily through his activity with the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party.

- 3 - Bureau (61-7582) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (RM)
- 2 - Boston
- 1 (100-32353)
- 1 [REDACTED]

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32353)  
SUBJECT: HCUA

Re: ARMANDO PENHA  
Source of Information

ReBsaairtel to Director, cc Atlanta, dated 6/23/58.

ARMANDO PENHA advised SA [REDACTED] on 6/25/58 that he had just been telephonically informed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, Investigator for the HCUA, that HCUA hearings originally scheduled for early July 1958 at Atlanta, Georgia, have now been postponed to July 29, 30 and 31, 1958.

3 - Bureau (61-7582)(RM)  
2 - Atlanta (RM)  
2 - Boston  
1 (100-32353)  
① [REDACTED]

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
P. O. Box 2344  
Boston 7, Mass.

June 30, 1958

[REDACTED]  
Referral/Consult

Dear Sir:

Re: [REDACTED]

Reference is made to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

As you have previously been advised, ARMANDO PENHA voluntarily furnished information of a security nature which came to his attention concerning subversive activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1950 until 1958.

In the sworn statement furnished to your service, PENHA said that when he saw JOSEPH SHERMAN on March 18, 1958 at the hearing held in Boston by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he recognized him to be identical with a "Comrade Joe" whom he had seen at gatherings in Boston during 1951 or 1952 and whom he knew to be a member of the Communist Party.

Data supplied by PENHA during 1951 and 1952 has been reviewed, however, without locating any reference by him to a "Comrade Joe" or to any individual identifiable with SHERMAN. As you have requested, this sworn statement is being returned herewith.

This letter is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

Referral/Consult

2 - Boston  
1 (100-23957)

Very truly yours,

1 - Bureau (100-339365)

L. L. LAUGHLIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
This letter has been marked "Confidential" inasmuch as [REDACTED] has so classified its letter of 6/5/58, portions of which are utilized in instant letter.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-339365)

6/30/58

SAC, BOSTON (100-23957)

[REDACTED]

Referral/Consult

ReBslet 6/10/58.

As is mentioned in referenced letter. [REDACTED]

The sworn statement furnished by PENHA has been reviewed and compared with information supplied by PENHA during 1951 and 1952. The results of this review are contained in a letter sent to [REDACTED] a copy of which is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau.

PENHA will be interviewed by an Agent of this office concerning this matter, and the results be furnished to the Bureau.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC

FROM: SA

SUBJECT:

DATE: 7/11/58

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Dates of Contact

Titles & File #s on which contacted

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100-23957

Purpose & results of contact

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☒ Positive

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☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

SAC (Att Supr [redacted])

DATE: 7/22/58

FROM:

SA [redacted]

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☐ SI

SUBJECT:

ARMANDO PENHA.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION [redacted]

☐ PCI

☐ PSI

Dates of Contact

July 17, 18, 21.

Titles & File #s on which contacted

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Purpose & results of contact

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED]

ARMANDO PENHA  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

PENHA advised SA [REDACTED] that on 7/21/58 he received a telephone call from GEORGE WILLIAMS, HCUA in Washington, D.C., requesting PENHA be present at a HCUA hearing to be held at Atlanta, Ga., 7/29-31/58. PENHA (formerly [REDACTED]) will leave Boston by plane on 7/28/58, and will be at the Hotel Piedmont, Atlanta, during the hearing.

WILLIAMS previously told PENHA the HCUA, during the coming hearing, is primarily interested in tying in the National Textile Commission of the CP with the northern Communists.

PENHA, while a member of the National Textile Commission of the CP, visited leading CP members in North and South Carolina for a week in September, 1955, and will probably be called as a witness to relate this experience.

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- 3- Bureau (100-372696) (RM)
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TO : SAC (Att. Supv.)

DATE: 8/1/58

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FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

*Commando Team  
Source of Information  
July 28 and August 1, 1958*

Dates of Contact

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*100-12770*

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative  
☒ Positive

☐ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

SAC Boston Att [redacted]

FROM:

SA [redacted]

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DATE: 8/12/58

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SUBJECT: SOI Armando Fesha,

Dates of Contact

8/12/58

Titles & File #s on which contacted

100-31934-CP-Fall River New Bedford IS-C

Purpose & results of contact

☒ Negative

☐ Positive

☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all  
information obtained by him since last contact.

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SAC (100-0) August 25, 1958  
(ATTN: [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR)

SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WA.

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On 8/19/58, [REDACTED]  
New Bedford Standard Times Newspaper, Pleasant St., New  
Bedford, Mass., advised SA [REDACTED] that the newspaper  
had received a signed letter critical of the House Committee  
on Un-American Activities and wished to make the same available  
to the FBI. Mr. WILSON furnished a photostatic copy of this  
letter to SA [REDACTED] on 8/19/58, which reads as follows:

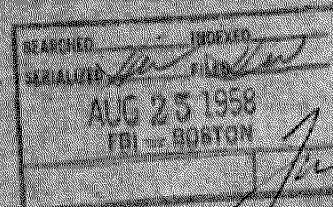
[REDACTED]  
New Bedford, Mass.  
Aug. 9 - 1958

"Stand Times  
Depart. of letters from your readers;

"It is been months now when the Committee in Boston got  
some information from a Mr. Penna about some people  
around here and there organization they belong to and  
the way the newspaper around here wrote up on it, it  
looked like the end of the world; but no, few weeks gone  
by and then nothing. Why? I'll tell you and my friends  
why, because my friends argued me with me I was wrong  
they say. The people who Penna or Pena squealed about  
are people who don't bother nobody. This free country  
it leaves you alone if you don't go around doing crimes,  
you know, and they let be free speaking, religion, any  
way the four freedoms. These small working are too  
much votes for the committee to bother; and any how just  
what can they prove. Nothing. So these people have a  
club and an organization, so they get together but they  
don't harm no one. So what if they believe things around  
here should be different. Ok ay by everybody. And Penna  
had a job like a stooge and after all the newspapers wrote

cc: [REDACTED]

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up the small people now still living like before, why?? because they hurt nobody. Now his life just not worth one plug nickle, and we all know somebody going to hurt him also his family - he talks too much, and that smart mayer we got gives him a good job and others like me good workers we collect security. That is fair? No, not fair, we don't hurt people and we don't get jobs in the city hall. Maybe he be one good stooge for your mayer, and the mayer want his name in the paper like Penha and that investigator committee in Boston. But don't he knows your mayer, that we the small people have lots of votes, and he don't know too that is why the committee don't bother the small people like we said they have nothing on small people. The committee wants to go to show the voters they do some work for their money. So we all vote for them some more and get all our minds about how they crook like heck too. See what is going on now in the capital near Eisenhower, the men near him too. They should leave small people alone, sure and not put names all over the papers. They cannot prove some thing against them in the long run too, so why all the trouble and all money for the committee to work on something silly like that. I think you know I am right and my friends are wrong now. Let them know it.

"/s/ [redacted]

The current New Bedford Street List of Persons lists

[redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] as residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] and behavior

[redacted] New Bedford Credit Bureau, advised on 8/19/58 that [redacted] resides at [redacted] (third floor) and formerly resided at [redacted] and at [redacted] (during 1940's). He was employed at [redacted] up to 1947 and thereafter was employed at [redacted] both in New Bedford, Mass.

Credit records further reflect that [redacted] was married to [redacted] and had one child, but this marriage was terminated by divorce in Oct., 1949, on grounds of cruel

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and abusive treatment. [redacted] was required to pay \$20.00 per week for the support of his former wife and child. In 1958 [redacted] was involved in a morals case with [redacted] of [redacted] New Bedford, Mass. Both parties had been under a suspended sentence resulting from a prior conviction.

On 8/19/58, [redacted] New Bedford, Mass. Police Department, furnished the following description and criminal record of [redacted]

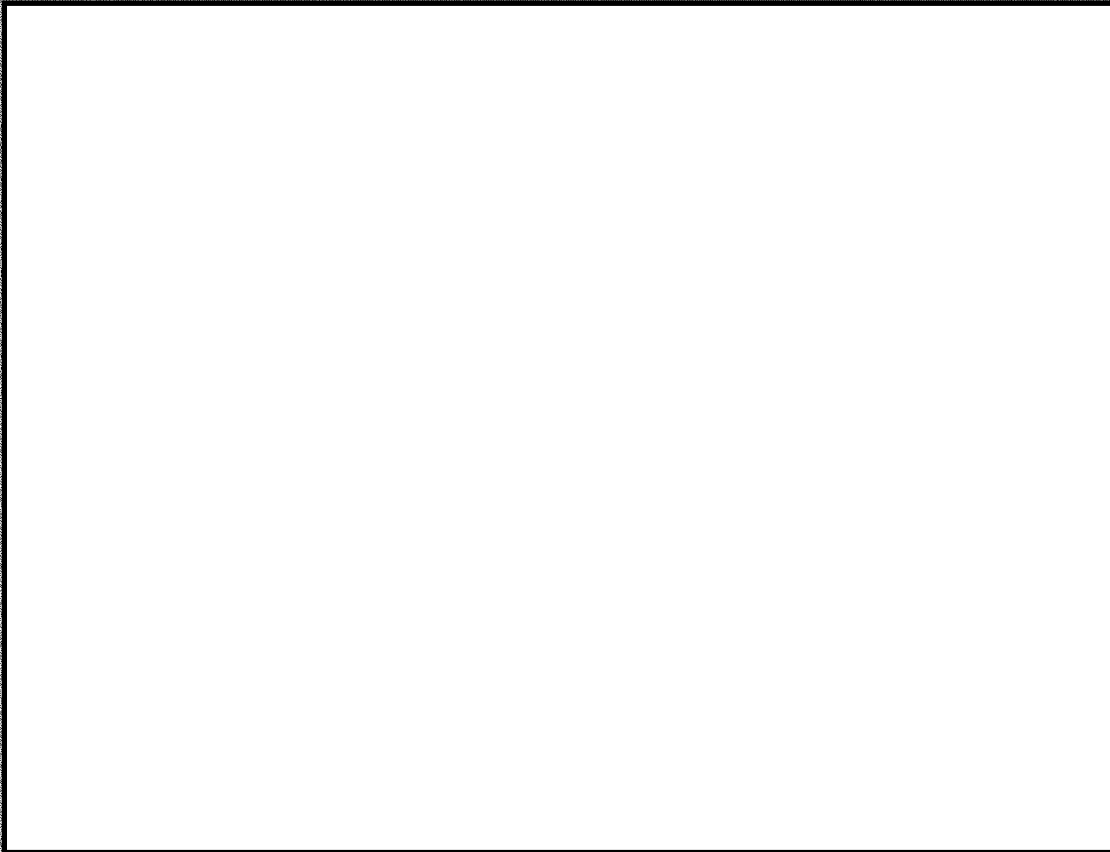
Name:	[redacted]
Birth:	[redacted] New Bedford, Mass.
Height:	5'7" to 5'9"
Weight:	165 lbs. to 195 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Employment:	[redacted]
Residence:	[redacted]

Criminal Record:

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In view of the above subject's criminal record, it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted in this case.

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696) (ATTN: SECURITY INFORMANT SECTION)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

PENHA advised SA [REDACTED] on 8/22/58 that he had received a telephone call on 8/20/58 from GEORGE WILLIAMS, investigator for the HCUA, at which time WILLIAMS requested that PENHA go to Washington, D. C., on 8/26/58 to see him.

PENHA said that WILLIAMS did not say why he wanted PENHA to see him, however, PENHA stated that sometime ago, prior to PENHA's appearance as a witness for the HCUA at Atlanta, Georgia, on 7/28/58, WILLIAMS told him that the HCUA would hold a hearing at San Francisco during latter part of this year, and the HCUA might use PENHA as a witness at that hearing also.

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1 - Boston [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC

DATE:

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Purpose and results of contact

☒ Negative  
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☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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SAC (100-15003)

9/12/58

Attention: SA [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

JOSEPH SZOCIK  
SM - C

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/29/58.

ARMANDO PENHA was contacted on September 4, 1958, by SA [REDACTED] at which time it was pointed out that testimony given by him before the HCUA at Boston in March, 1958, concerning the Subject differed to some degree from information he had previously reported to the Bureau, and PENHA was asked for an explanation as to the difference.

PENHA stated that whenever he reported to the Bureau on SZOCIK or any other individual, it was usually shortly after some incident in which SZOCIK took part and when he reported to the Bureau, PENHA stated it was always based on an actual contact he had with SZOCIK or because of information he received from some other CP member in New Bedford. When he made these reports to the Bureau, the facts were fresh in his mind and the reports were usually based on notes which he either turned over to the Bureau or destroyed immediately after making his report.

PENHA stated, however, that when he testified before the HCUA he did not have the benefit of notes to refresh his recollection; he had not had any contact with the Subject since prior to February, 1956, and therefore, when he testified before the Committee in March, 1958, over two years later, he was testifying wholly from memory; that he was under considerable pressure having to testify every day for the HCUA for four days and twice in one day, and that it was possible that his choice of words in testifying before the Committee might not have been the best.

PENHA said that if his testimony before the HCUA differed in any degree or manner from information contained in reports previously furnished by him to the Bureau concerning the Subject, or any other person, he felt the reason was that before the HCUA he was giving his opinions based on his recollections as a whole.

cc: [REDACTED] ARMANDO PENHA  
100-32353 HCUA, NEW ENGLAND AREA

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He stated that as between reports he gave to the Bureau in the past concerning Subject and others, and testimony he gave before the HCUA, the reports he gave to the Bureau were accurate and he is unable to elaborate on them at this date.



SAC (100-14473)

9/12/58

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SA [REDACTED]

JOHN VACILY HUMENUK, was.  
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Reurmemo 8/29/58.

ARMANDO PENHA was contacted on 9/4/58 by SA [REDACTED] at which time it was pointed out to PENHA that testimony given by him before the HCUA at Boston in March, 1958, concerning JOHN HUMENUK differed in some degree to information he had previously reported to the Bureau, and PENHA was asked for an explanation as to the difference.

PENHA said whenever he reported to the Bureau on HUMENUK, or any other individual, it was usually shortly after some incident in which HUMENUK took part, and when he reported to the Bureau, PENHA said it was always based on either an actual contact he had with HUMENUK, or because of information he had recently received regarding HUMENUK from LOUIS D. KUSHAFF, OLGA GARCZYNSKI or some other CP member in New Bedford. When he made these reports, the facts were fresh in his mind and his reports were usually based on notes which he either turned over to the Bureau or destroyed immediately after making his report.

PENHA stated, however, that when he testified before the HCUA he did not have any notes to refresh his recollection; he had not had any contact with HUMENUK since prior to February, 1956, and therefore, when he testified before the Committee in March, 1958, over two years later, he was testifying wholly from memory; that he was under considerable pressure, having to testify every day for four days and twice in one day, and that it was possible that his choice in words in testifying before the HCUA might not have been the best.

cc: [REDACTED]  
100-32353

ARMANDO PENHA  
HCUA, NEW ENGLAND AREA

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PENHA stated that if his testimony before the HCUA differed in any degree or any manner from information contained in reports furnished previously to the Bureau, concerning HUMENUK or any other person, he felt the reason was that before the HCUA he was giving his opinions based on his recollections as a whole.

He stated that as between reports he gave to the Bureau in the past concerning HUMENUK and others, and testimony he gave before the HCUA, the reports he gave to the Bureau were accurate and he is unable to elaborate on them at this time.

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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : SAC (Att. Syfo [redacted])

DATE: 9/17/58

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT:

ARMANDO YENIR  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION [redacted]

Dates of Contact <i>Sept 3, 4, 1958</i>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>100-14473</i> <i>100-15003</i>	
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <i>Memo Dictated 9/17/58 suggesting this file be closed because Source no longer productive.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
Personal Data	Rating <i>Too.</i> Coverage [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (ATTN: SUPVR: [REDACTED])

DATE: 9-23-58

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA  
SOI

On 2-4-57 the Bureau instructed that ARMANDO PENHA, previously carried as a "symbol" informant [REDACTED], be dropped as a "symbol" informant and henceforth carried as a Source of Information (SOI). He was carried as a paid source from 2/57 to 4-25-58, at which time he was informed he would not receive any more payments from the Bureau.

PENHA testified as a Government witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) at Boston, Mass. from 3-18-58 to 3-21-58 and this was the first time he was exposed as a former Bureau informant.

PENHA has had no contact with Communist Party (CP) leaders in New England since 2/56 and no contact with CP members in New Bedford, Mass. since just prior to the HCUA hearing at Boston in 3/58.

His usefulness as an SOI has diminished since 3/58 to the point where his only use in recent weeks is to estimate CP strength in the Bristol County area, based upon his previous experience as Section Organizer of this District from 1951-1956. Since 3/58 he has been contacted at regular intervals and that the information received from him has been chiefly concerning his activities on behalf of the HCUA.

The Bureau has been informed of his activities up to the present time.

Because of his long experience as a CP leader, both on the local level in southeastern Massachusetts and in the New England District leadership, it may be necessary to contact PENHA from time to time. However, due to the fact he has been unproductive as an SOI for the past several weeks, it is believed this case should not be maintained in a pending status and it is therefore suggested the case be closed upon the authority of the SAC.

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SAC, BOSTON (100-15003)  
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

JOSEPH SZOCIK  
SM - C

Re memo of SA [REDACTED], dated 8/29/58.

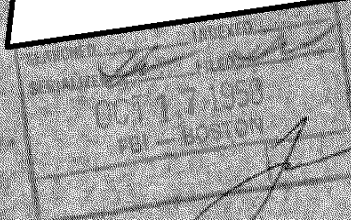
ARMANDO PENHA was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] on 10/3/58 and it was called to his attention that there was a discrepancy between the testimony which he gave before the HCUA concerning the subject in March, 1958 and reports previously submitted by him concerning the subject to the Bureau.

PENHA advised that when he testified as a witness before the HCUA in March, 1958 that he did not have any notes to refresh his recollection nor did he have an opportunity to review previous written reports submitted by him to the Bureau, concerning the subject and, therefore, his testimony concerning SZOCIK was based on his best recollection at that time.

PENHA stated that in the event of any discrepancy between his testimony given before the HCUA and written reports submitted by him to the Bureau concerning the subject, in some instances several years before the HCUA hearing, then his written reports, which were accurate at the time and which were given contemporaneously, would be his best recollection.

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CC: 100-15003  
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(5) 100-32353 (HCUA)





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SAC, BOSTON (100-29172)  
ATTN: SA WILLIAM J. MC GRATH

10/17/58

SA [REDACTED]

MATILDA CROPPER, was.  
SM-C

Re your memos dated 9/18 and 9/30/58

ARMANDO PENHA was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] on October 3, 1958 and his attention was called to the fact that when he testified before the HCUA at Boston in March, 1958, he stated that TILLIE CROPPER was brought into the LYL by her father; however, a review of CROPPER's file indicated that PENHA had not reported this information to the Bureau. PENHA's response was as follows:

When he testified before the HCUA he stated that he did not have the benefit of notes to refresh his recollection nor did he have an opportunity to review written reports previously furnished by him to the Bureau and, therefore, he was testifying from his best recollection at that time.

PENHA stated because of the great quantity of information furnished by him to the Bureau from 1950 to 1958 it is possible that he may have omitted some information which had come to his attention but which he had neglected to report. PENHA stated that he now recalls that ANDREW GARCZYNSKI, who is the father of both MATILDA CROPPER and OLGA GARCZYNSKI, told him at one time that he had reared both his daughters because the mother died when the girls were young; that he brought them both into the Labor Youth League and later into the Communist Party. PENHA stated that if he had not reported this matter of MATILDA CROPPER being brought into the LYL by her father, it was probably because he might have mentioned the word daughter in reporting the matter to the Bureau, meaning the daughter, OLGA GARCZYNSKI, when he should have reported it as daughters, including MATILDA CROPPER.

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CC: [REDACTED]

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SAC, BOSTON (100-15261)  
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]

10/17/58

SA [REDACTED]

JOHN VIEIRA, wa.  
SM - C

Re memo SA [REDACTED] dated 9/30/58, which stated that when ARMANDO PENHA testified before the HCUA in Boston in March, 1958 he stated that VIEIRA was expelled from the Communist Party for security reasons; however, a review of the subject's file indicated that PENHA had never reported that VIEIRA was expelled but did report that he dropped out.

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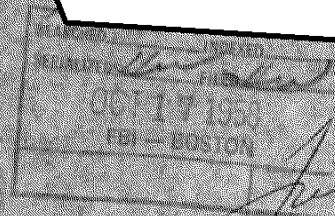
PENHA was recontacted on October 3, 1958 by SA [REDACTED] and this discrepancy called to his attention. His response was as follows:

When he testified as a witness before the HCUA in March, 1958 he did not have any notes to refresh his recollection nor did he have an opportunity to review his previous written reports submitted to the Bureau and, therefore, his testimony before the HCUA was his best recollection at that time.

PENHA stated that in the event of any discrepancy between his testimony before the HCUA and written reports submitted in some instances several years before he testified, that his written reports submitted to the Bureau were accurate at the time, were given contemporaneously and therefore, these would be his best recollection.

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SAC (100-14449)

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SA [REDACTED]

EILEEN MAY BREEN, was.  
SM - C

Re memo, SA [REDACTED] 10/1/58

ARMANDO PENHA was recontacted on 10/27/58 and he was questioned concerning his testimony before the HCUA at Boston, Mass. in March 1958 concerning this subject.

(1) Relative to the subject being active in communist front groups, PENHA stated that possibly he never reported to the Bureau that BREEN was active in front groups because he never actually attended a communist front group meeting where she was present. However, he did recall that BREEN told him that she had attended meetings of some front groups, such as the New England Citizens Concerned for Peace, and the Progressive Party of Massachusetts.

(2) As to the subject's house being used for secret meetings, PENHA said he did meet SIDNEY LIPSHIRES at BREEN's home, and he and LIPSHIRES had a secret meeting. This fact he reported to the Bureau.

PENHA said that when he testified before the HCUA and stated that BREEN's home was used for secret "meetings", that perhaps he should have used the word "meeting" instead of meetings. However, he felt that where he and LIPSHIRES had what he described as a secret meeting there he assumed LIPSHIRES, who was the New England District Organizer of the Communist Party, also met with others secretly in BREEN's home.

PENHA pointed out that when he testified before the HCUA in Boston in March 1958 he did so based upon his recollection at that time. He said he did not have the benefit of notes to refresh his recollection before he testified, nor did he have the opportunity to review any written reports previously submitted by him to the Bureau.

PENHA also said that because of the great quantity of information furnished by him to the Bureau from 1950 to 1958 it is possible that he may have omitted some information which had come to his attention but which he neglected to report

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PENHA advised on 10/27/58 that in the event of any discrepancy between his testimony before the HCUA and written reports submitted to the Bureau, in some instances several years before, that his written reports to the Bureau were accurate at the time, were given contemporaneously, and these would be his best recollection of the events which occurred.



SAC, BOSTON (100-6716)

December 1, 1958

SA [REDACTED]

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED  
ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA  
IS - C  
ISA of 1950

Re Boston letter to Director November 14, 1958.

By letter dated November 5, 1958, the Bureau furnished a copy of a memorandum from the Department of Justice pertaining to the testimony of ARMANDO PENHA, a former member of the Communist Party, before the HCUA in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 16, 1958.

The Department requested that it be furnished with the facts corroborating or refuting PENHA's statement to include the names of school attended by him, dates of such attendance, and degrees attained.

A review of PENHA's file in Boston indicated that information relative to the above should be obtained in the following instances:

At New Bedford, Massachusetts

Will immediately obtain from ARMANDO PENHA all details relative to his education including the names of schools attended, dates of such attendance and degrees attained.

At Amherst, Massachusetts

Will immediately obtain at Massachusetts State University, the details pertaining to any courses taken by ARMANDO PENHA from the extension service of this university.

For the information of the Springfield RA, PENHA was born June 5, 1920, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and presently resides at 22 Dover Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

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1 - [REDACTED] (ARMANDO PENHA)  
1 - New Bedford RA  
1 - Springfield RA  
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ARMANDO PENHA is a prospective witness in the case of the above-captioned organization which is presently before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

It is requested that the New Bedford and Springfield RAs forward the information obtained to Boston where it will be forwarded to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.



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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-26912)

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SAC, BOSTON (100-6716)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND  
MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA  
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Rebulet to Boston dated 11/5/58 and Boslet to Bureau dated 11/14/58.

Submitted herewith is letterhead memorandum pertaining to ARMANDO  
PENHA as requested in the above-referenced letter.

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NEW YORK OFFICE: (Information)

Two copies of this letter are being forwarded to the New York  
Office because they are the Office of Origin in this matter.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs.5) (100-26912) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Encs.2) (100-13644) (RM) (Info)
- 3 - Boston (2 - 100-6716)
- (1 - [REDACTED] (ARMANDO PENHA)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (122-1591)

12/16/58

SAC, BOSTON (122-41)

JOSEPH FRANCIS O'BRIEN  
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 1947  
(SECURITY MATTER)  
OO - BOSTON

Re Bureau letter to Boston dated October 29, 1958.

Consideration has been given to the desirability of interviewing DOUGLAS NEIL PERRY and ROY ROGERSON concerning their knowledge of O'BRIEN's connections with the Communist Party in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

It is believed inadvisable to interview either PERRY or ROGERSON for the following reasons:

DOUGLAS N. PERRY is the Business Organizer of Local 277 of the United Electrical and Radio Machine Workers of America in New Bedford and has been for a number of years. According to ARMANDO PENHA (formerly [redacted], who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in Boston March 18 to 21, 1958, PERRY was very active in the Communist Party in New Bedford for several years. PERRY is now a Security Index Subject of the Boston Office. [redacted]

[redacted] is also a Security Index Subject of the Boston Office. [redacted] is also a Security Index Subject of the Boston Office. [redacted] has never been interviewed by Agents of the FBI.

PERRY was a witness at the HCUA hearings in Boston in March, 1958, and refused to testify concerning his Communist Party membership and repeatedly used the Fifth Amendment in answering questions put to him.

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2 - Bureau (122-1591)(RM)

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Despite the fact that PENHA stood in the open hearing held by the HCUA at Boston and pointed directly at PERRY and charged him with being a Communist Party member, PERRY, after a short suspension as Business Organizer of the Local 277 of the UE in New Bedford was given a vote of confidence by the UE workers in New Bedford and was restored to his present position of Business Organizer of Local 277 in New Bedford. At the present time, he deals with the management of Morse Twist Drill and Machine Company, a large plant in New Bedford, as well as another company known as the Universal Converting Company, also in New Bedford.

ROY ROGERSON is a Security Index Subject of the Boston Office [REDACTED]

ROY ROGERSON himself was not interviewed due to his continuous activity in the Communist Party in New Bedford. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed on May 8, 1957 by Bureau Agents, but refused to talk to the Agents at that time.

On December 4, 1958, ARMANDO PENHA advised SA [REDACTED] that he was in conversation with one MANUEL BATISTA, an employee of the Ace Cabinet Corporation of New Bedford, on December 2, 1958. At that time, BATISTA told PENHA that DOUGLAS PERRY as Business Organizer of Local 277 of the United Electrical Workers Union in New Bedford, was presently campaigning at the Aerovox Corporation, a large condenser plant in New Bedford, to have the workers there accept the UE as their bargaining union. BATISTA, who is a member of the IUE, told PENHA that the IUE intended to distribute literature at the Aerovox Plant and that this literature attacking the UE and PERRY would contain excerpts of testimony given by PENHA at the HCUA hearing in Boston in March, 1958 attacking PERRY and the Communist Party.

It is believed that if DOUGLAS PERRY or ROY ROGERSON, who is active in the UE Local in his plant at the Morse Twist Drill and Machine Company in New Bedford where he is employed, were interviewed by Bureau Agents at the present time concerning O'BRIEN, that they would not only decline to be interviewed, but they would refute the interview in the UE's campaign to organize the workers at the Aerovox Plant by inserting in their own literature that the Bureau Agents are interfering with labor matters and that the Bureau Agents are actually harassing the UE representatives for the benefit of the IUE.



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For the above reasons, it is believed that an attempt to interview either PERRY or ROGERSON would be unproductive and could also be a possible source of embarrassment to the Bureau.



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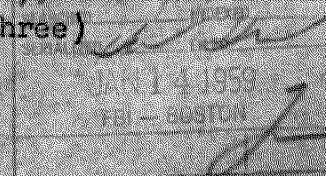
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Date: January 9, 1959  
To: Chief  
Intelligence Division  
Coast Guard Headquarters  
1300 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: SERVIO MELLO  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to my letter dated December 3, 1958, concerning the identities and availability of certain witnesses appearing in Bureau reports. The following information relates to those witnesses.

1. T-1 in the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 7, 1957, March 13, 1958, May 19, 1958, T-3 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 18, 1953, and T-5 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 27, 1955, are identical and refer to Antonio Hernandez Dorta, 349 37th Street, Brooklyn, New York. He advised on December 18, 1958, that he will not testify regarding Mello and if subpoenaed would not support information he previously furnished because he does not want his present wife to know of his former activities and greatly fears retaliation by his former Communist Party (CP) associates if he testifies.

2 - Boston (100-28471) (See note page three)





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2. [redacted] referred to in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 13, 1958, advised when recontacted on December 18, 1958, that she is not willing to testify in this matter.

3. T-2 in the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 7, 1957, March 13, 1958, May 19, 1958, and T-1 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 18, 1953, are identical and refer to Armando Penha, 22 Dover Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Penha was recontacted on December 30, 1958, at which time he said he is willing to testify in this matter. He stated his present recollection is that he saw Mello only once and does not know if he would be able to identify him. Penha said the one time he saw Mello was at a May Day celebration of the CP at Odd Fellows Hall, New Bedford, Massachusetts about May 1, 1951. Penha was a paid informant of this Bureau from 1950 to 1957.

4. T-2 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 18, 1953 refers

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Coast Guard Headquarters

5. T-7 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 18, 1953, refers to [redacted] East Nassau, New York. When contacted on December 22, 1958, [redacted] stated he is willing to testify in this matter. He stressed that although willing and available for testimony, any trip out of town causing a loss in pay would create serious financial difficulties for him. He further commented that the only literature of a communist nature he recalls seeing in the Mello apartment during 1952 was the "Daily Worker."

6. The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, can be obtained by direct contact with that agency.

7. T-9 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 27, 1955, is currently furnishing information of value to the FBI.

If you interview Armando Penha, you are requested to furnish the results of the interview directly to the Boston Office of the FBI prior to using him as a witness.

No further action is being taken in connection with your request.

ATTENTION: SAC, BOSTON

If the Coast Guard furnishes your office the results of an interview with Armando Penha, handle in accordance with SAC letter 57-46.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/27/59

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

ALBERT M. GONSALVES, Chairman of the School Committee in the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, advised SA [REDACTED] on 1/16/59 that a member of the School Committee, one WALDO HAYDEN who is friendly with ARMANDO PENHA had invited the latter to appear before the School Committee in that town at its regular meeting on 1/14/59.

PENHA told the Committee that [REDACTED] had brought home a history book which in his opinion had contained "slanted passages".

GONSALVES stated that PENHA has been requesting HAYDEN for the past two to three months for permission to speak to an assembly of the High School students and he was finally told that he could speak on February 4th.

PENHA told the School Committee that when he spoke to the students on February 4th he would congratulate the School Committee for having taken this particular book, without naming it, out of the school.

GONSALVES said that the School Committee had withdrawn the book from the students. The book which PENHA said contained "slanted passages" is the "STORY OF AMERICA" by RALPH VOLNEY HARLOW and RUTH ELIZABETH MILLER and published by Henry Holt Co.

GONSALVES said he was concerned about PENHA mentioning the withdrawal of the book to the assembly of students. He said the editor of the New Bedford Standard Times, the daily newspaper published in New Bedford, was pressing the School Committee for their decision as to whether PENHA would make an announcement when he spoke to the students on February 4, 1959.

GONSALVES was informed that PENHA was never an employee of the Bureau but had merely volunteered information to the Bureau.

On 1/17/59, SA [REDACTED] contacted PENHA and he said he was still working for the HCUA. PENHA said he told the Fairhaven School Committee that the book "STORY OF AMERICA" contained "slanted passages" and that he had arrived at this opinion from reading the book himself and also because a Dr. MERRILL ROOT in a book entitled "BRAINWASHING IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS" in which the

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author criticizes the book "STORY OF AMERICA".

PENHA was instructed that he should not mention the Bureau in any way in condemning any book.

PENHA said he was invited to speak to the Juniors and Seniors of the Fairhaven High School on February 4, 1959 and that he had talked with the School Committee and they agreed that PENHA could mention the fact that a book had been withdrawn from the students.

On 1/19/59 PENHA contacted SA [REDACTED] and he stated he met that afternoon with the Superintendent of Schools; the principal of the high school and two history teachers in the high school. PENHA stated he learned at the meeting that the School authorities had already withdrawn the book : "STORY OF AMERICA" from the students. PENHA said he had agreed that he would not speak to the students on February 4th but might speak to them about Patriot's Day in April and if he does he will not say anything about this book.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-26912)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13044 Sub D)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND  
MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA  
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ISA OF 1950  
(OO:NY)

Re Boston airtel, dated 3/13/59, and Bulet to  
Cincinnati, dated 3/12/59.

As requested in referenced Boston airtel, enclosed  
for the Bureau are two Photostats each of 19 reports of  
ARMANDO PENHA, listed in referenced Boston airtel, and two  
Photostats of Boston letter to Bureau, dated 3/8/59,  
captioned "ARMANDO PENHA, POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL  
DEFENSE INFORMANT."

One Photostat of each of the above-mentioned 20  
documents concerning PENHA is enclosed for the Boston Office.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two Photostats  
of Cincinnati letter to Bureau, dated 7/31/52, captioned  
"JOHN CHURCH MITCHELL, SECURITY MATTER-C", as requested in  
reBulet.

- 4 - Bureau (100-26912) (Encls. 42) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-350704) [redacted]
  - (1 - [redacted]) (ARMANDO PENHA)
- ② - Boston (100-6716) (Encls. 20) (RM)
  - ① - [redacted] (ARMANDO PENHA)
- 2 - Cincinnati (100-3723) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-7023) [redacted] (Encl. 1)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (ARMANDO PENHA) (#413)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
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One photostat of Cincinnati letter to Director, July 31, 1958, captioned "JOHN CHURCH MITCHELL, SECURITY MATTER-C" is enclosed for the Cincinnati Office in the event that Cincinnati has no copies of this communication in its files.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC ATT: SUPV. [REDACTED] )

DATE: 4-21-59

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA  
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On this date the writer received a phone call from Trooper [REDACTED] R.I. State Police, Portsmouth, R.I. Barracks, advising that subject had been picked up by the R.I. S.P. on a traffic violation, and that during the course of checking him out, the R.I.S.P. discovered a gun in his car. [REDACTED] said that because of this, subject was brought to the barracks for further questioning.

[REDACTED] said that during the course of this questioning, PENHA told them that he had been an undercover agent for the FBI from 1950 to 1958, and that he had testified for the FBI in the trial of communists at Boston. He also said that at the present time he was employed as an investigator by the City of New Bedford, Mass. in the Veteran's Department. [REDACTED] further said that PENHA had a permit for a gun, issued by the P.D. at Fairhaven, Mass., but that this did not give him the right to carry a gun in R.I.

[REDACTED] said that PENHA had a lot of papers showing his identity as PENHA, and also told them that HOMER WILBUR, FBI agent at Providence, R.I. knew him. [REDACTED] said that he was calling to make sure as to the identity of PENHA, in view of the fact that he was carrying a gun.

The writer told [REDACTED] that PENHA was not known to him, and that SA WILBUR was on leave. However, the writer told [REDACTED] that an effort would be made to contact SA [REDACTED] New Bedford, RA, who might be able to furnish the assistance desired by the R.I.S.P.

SA [REDACTED] was then contacted by radio, and stated that he would contact the Portsmouth Barracks of the R.I.S.P.

The above is being submitted for information purposes.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

~~Director, FBI~~ (100-372696)

DATE:

4/23/59

FROM :

SAC, Boston

SUBJECT:

ARMANDO TENHA

FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

On 4/21/59 S. [redacted]

Resident Agent at New Bedford, Mass., received a call on his car radio from SA [redacted] Resident Agent at Prov. R.I. to call Corporal [redacted] of the Rhode Island State Police at Portsmouth, R.I. in order to identify an individual whom he had in custody.

Corporal [redacted] advised that ARMANDO TENHA had been stopped in Rhode Island that afternoon for a minor traffic violation; that he produced for identification a license to carry a gun issued to him by the [redacted] in Mass. R.I. but that this [redacted]

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did not give him a right to carry the gun in Rhode Island.

Agent [redacted] explained that TENHA was a former security informant of the Bureau, ~~and~~ that in March 1958 he testified for the HCUA at a hearing in Boston, ~~and that~~ Later that afternoon Agent [redacted] was informed by the RI State Police that they were convinced TENHA was not a criminal; that they did not intend to prefer any charges against him; that they would drive him to the Mass. state line which was only a few miles away and release him.

On 4/22/59 Tenha was not available but on 4/23/59 he contacted SA [redacted] and said he had gone to Middletown RI on 4/21/59 to make a speech and was returning to Massachusetts about 2:30 PM when he was stopped by a R.I. State Police Officer for attempting to pass a bus near a curve. Tenha said when he



took out his papers to identify himself. He produced a license to carry a gun. When the trooper found he was wearing a gun he then took him to the police barracks for further questioning.

Tenka said he was at the Portsmouth R.I. State Police barracks from about 3:10 PM to 4:30 PM. When they drove him to the Mass. state line returned his gun and released him. He stated that he told the State Police that after he testified for the HCUA in March 1951 at Boston, that his wife was nervous about his personal safety and so to calm her fears he purchased a .22 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver and secured a permit from the Fairhaven Mass. P.W. He said he never bought ammunition for it and it has never been loaded.

Tenka told the R.I. State Police he felt the gun permit gave him the right to carry it anywhere in the U.S. He also said he told the State Police that hereafter he would leave the

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gun at home and not carry it on his person.

Tenka exhibited the gun permit to Agent [REDACTED] on 4/23/59. It bore No. 18472 was issued to him by the Chief of Police of Fairhaven Mass. and it expired June 5, 1960.

He was questioned as to whether or not he or his family had received any threats of any kind as a result of his testifying before the HCUA at Boston in March 1958. Tenka said neither he nor his family had received threats of any kind and at the present time he was not in fear for himself or his family concerning any reprisals which might be taken by the Communist Party.

Tenka said he intended to leave the gun at home and not to carry it on his person again. He further volunteered the fact that he would communicate with the Chief of Police at Fairhaven, Mass. and surrender the gun permit as he would not have any further need



of it.  
On 4/24/59 Chief Norman  
SHURLEFF of the Fairhaven Mass.  
P.D. advised that Tenha had not  
contacted him up to that time.

L.H. Laughlin

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TO :

SAC (Att. Supv. [redacted])

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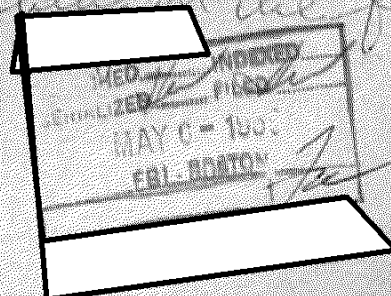
SG [redacted]

SUBJECT:

ARMANDO TENHA [redacted]

On 5/5/59 the writer had occasion to contact Tenha on another matter, and during the conversation Tenha was asked about a news story which appeared in the Standard Times on 5/4/59, captioned, "Tenha's auto forced off the road". The story said, Tenha was on Route 140 in Berkley Mass on Sunday afternoon about 3:30 P.M. when a car coming in the opposite direction "with two men, possibly Communists, deliberately swerved their vehicle in his path forcing him off the road".

Tenha told the writer that when the accident happened he told the wrecking truck owner who towed his car away that he dropped something on the floor.





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of the car and when he stooped to pick it up he lost control of his car. Tenha said he did not notify the police because he thought they would conduct a big investigation.

He said that the reason his car went off the road was that this car containing two men tried to pass a car in front of them just at the same time he was passing the first car. He said he did not know who the occupants of the car were nor was he able to identify the car.

Tenha said he did not give the story to the Standard Times about the fact that the two men might be Communists but that he received a call from Mr. HEWIN, the editor of the paper and when Hewin asked him if the two men could possibly be Communists, Tenha said that they possibly could.

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SUBJECT: BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE,  
aka., Bronx Civil Rights Committee,  
Bronx Committee for the Freedom of  
Political Prisoners, Bronx Civil Liberties  
Community Group  
IS-C; ISA of 1950

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The Bureau's attention is drawn to the chart contained in the attached letterhead memorandum which comprehensively correlates the informants utilized in the various reports in captioned matter on whom the Department has inquired.

For the information of the Bureau, the sources contained in the chart are identified as follows:

Source 1 is [REDACTED]

Source 2 is Former CSNY 426-S

Source 3 is [REDACTED]

Source 4 is Former [REDACTED]

Source 5 is [REDACTED]

Source 6 is [REDACTED]

Source 7 is [REDACTED]

Source 8 is Former [REDACTED]

Source 9 is [REDACTED]

Source 10 is NY 1317-S\*

Source 11 is NY 1176-S\*

Source 12 is LA 3200-S\*

Source 13 is [REDACTED]



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Source 14 is [REDACTED]

Source 15 is [REDACTED]

Source 16 is [REDACTED]

Source 17 is [REDACTED]

Source 18 is [REDACTED]

Source 19 is Former [REDACTED]

Source 20 is Former [REDACTED]

Source 21 is [REDACTED]

Source 22 is Former [REDACTED]

Source 23 is [REDACTED]

Source 24 is NY 2179-S\*

Source 25 is [REDACTED]

Source 26 is [REDACTED]

Source 27 is [REDACTED]

Source 28 is [REDACTED]

Source 29 is ARMANDO PENHA

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The attached letterhead memorandum contains the requested information from the Department concerning the availability of the above informants with the exception of the following sources with whom contact has not as yet been made:

Source 6

Source 16

Source 19

Source 22

Source 28

Immediately upon completion of contact with the above five sources, the information will be furnished to the Bureau in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the Department.

In addition the attached letterhead memorandum reflects that the availability of Source 8 (Former [redacted]) is being determined.

It is noted that at the time of preparation of the previous letterhead memorandum in captioned matter, the Bureau was requested to handle the Department's request concerning Former [redacted]. New York is not aware of the Bureau's reply to the Department concerning this informant and, therefore, the Bureau is again requested to advise the Department on this informant.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC: [REDACTED]

Attn: Supv. [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/15/59

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FROM [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: Armando Penha  
Former Security Informant

On 7/15/59 at 9:15 AM Capt. [REDACTED] Security Officer, U.S. Army, Fort Monmouth, New Bedford, Mass. telephonically contacted this office and advised that captioned individual is scheduled to make some "Communist talks" at that Fort in the immediate future; that Penha has claimed to have been an undercover agent for the FBI for the past 14 years and that he desired pertinent information concerning him (Penha) from our files in line with his scheduled appearance there.

After conferring with Supv. [REDACTED] instant file not being available immediately, Capt. Brimmer was advised that Penha was never an employee of the FBI but that during a period at one time he had furnished Confidential Information to the FBI. Brimmer was also told that this office was not authorized to give out any additional info.

Capt. Brimmer expressed a little surprise when informed that Penha had never been an employee of the FBI and he then said that the information given him was not enough for his purposes. He said he wanted to know what Penha is doing at the present time; information regarding his background and reputation and whether he, Brimmer, could expose Penha to Confidential Information or could have access to it. He was very courteously informed that the foregoing information was all the information that ~~we~~ could be furnished to him by this office. Brimmer said that he needed more info than the above and that he would contact the First Army in this regard. He was informed, during his conversation, that the FBI could not advise him whether Penha could be exposed to or have access to Conf. Info.

Above is for informational purposes and any further action deemed advisable.

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100-29391

Boston, Massachusetts  
October 5, 1959

ARMANDO PENHA  
22 Dover Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
(Telephone: New Bedford  
4-5713)

ARMANDO PENHA was born on June 5, 1920, at New Bedford, Massachusetts. He is a high school graduate and attended law school. He is a veteran of World War II and was honorably discharged on November 11, 1945. He was a paid informant and has no known criminal record. PENHA has testified publicly.

PENHA became a member of the Communist Party (CP) during 1950 and reportedly was expelled from the CP on August 19, 1956. During the period, 1950-1958, he voluntarily furnished information to the FBI.

PENHA received unemployment benefit checks during the period, December 11, 1954 - February 11, 1956, when, in fact, he was receiving money from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. PENHA received a total of \$1,233.00 from the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security. However, because PENHA testified as a witness for the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Boston, Massachusetts, during March, 1958, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has forgiven this debt.

PENHA has advised that he applied for unemployment benefits at the insistence of the CP. At the time he applied for unemployment benefits, he did not state he was receiving money from the Federal Bureau of Investigation because to do so would have resulted in his destroying the confidential relationship which existed between himself and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. PENHA took this action of his own volition.

In applying for work at the Ace Cabinet Company, New Bedford, Massachusetts, a former employer, PENHA furnished false information on his application for employment. PENHA did this at the suggestion of a CP official in order to secure the job.

RICHARD H. BLASSER/maj

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CC: [redacted] (ARMANDO PENHA)

[redacted]



PENHA was instructed at one time to give a false report to the National Textile Commission of the CP in New York concerning gains of the CP in the New Bedford area. PENHA gave this report at the suggestion of a local CP official.

PENHA, while a Section Organizer of the CP, was instructed by a CP official to assign members to place needles in hams at various super markets in order to discredit a certain company. PENHA gave several CP members this task, but doubts if they carried out their assignments.

An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during March, 1956, that a CP official stated that PENHA at one time was expelled from the CP for stealing funds, but was later readmitted because of his family. PENHA has stated that this statement is not true.

With respect to monies earned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, PENHA stated he had not kept a record of these earnings, but reported his best estimate of these earnings on his income tax return.

PENHA's mother is presently at the Taunton, Massachusetts, State Hospital, a mental hospital. PENHA has stated that his mother is a diabetic and that she was sent to this hospital because she is senile.

A member of the CP has stated that PENHA stole money from the CP and the John Hancock Life Insurance Company for whom he worked at one time. This member also claimed that PENHA has associated with married women and has broken up a home.

PENHA has categorically denied these charges and has stated that his services with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company were terminated because of low production. In 1952, while employed by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, two customers claimed they paid a premium to PENHA for which they were not credited. PENHA stated that if the customers had a receipt, he must have made an error in bookkeeping and had failed to turn the money in to the company. He, therefore, gave the John Hancock Life Insurance Company a sum not in excess of \$30.00 as reimbursement.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413128)

10/5/59

SAC, BOSTON (100-29391)

JOHN LOPES CORDEIRO  
SM - C

Referral/Consult

Rebulet to Boston dated 9/21/59 which enclosed a request from

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
The report of 10/6/54 has only one informant. T-1 is identified as former [REDACTED]. This former informant is identified as ARMANDO PENHA of Fairhaven, Mass., who has been disclosed, and a letterhead memorandum concerning PENHA is forwarded herewith for dissemination by the Bureau to [REDACTED].

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In the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/20/54, T-1 is ARMANDO PENHA, previously described; T-2 is JAMES A. MURPHY, deceased, U. S. Post Office employee, New Bedford, Mass.; T-3 is an anonymous source; T-4 is [REDACTED] U. S. Post Office, New Bedford, Mass., and T-5 is [REDACTED] a symbol number confidential source of the New York Office. Accordingly, T-2, T-3, T-4 and T-5 are not available for use in [REDACTED].

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T-6 is identified as [REDACTED]. This individual made available data which appeared to be subscriptions to the "Worker" or "Daily Worker" in 1950 to the New York Division.

In this connection in the case of [REDACTED] aka, Department of the Air Force, SGE, the New York Division by airtel dated 3/3/55 to the Bureau and Boston advised they had contacted [REDACTED] in regard to his testifying before a Security Hearing Board relative to this alleged subscription list. Although on this occasion [REDACTED] advised he was willing to testify if absolutely necessary, it was the opinion of the New York Division that they did not believe [REDACTED] was in a position to furnish any testimony of value since he could not now state any particular name appeared on this list furnished by him and could not definitely establish the exact significance of it. In addition, they requested his identity be concealed because of the clandestine manner in which he obtained the list.

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Referral/Consult

In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to advise [redacted] that [redacted] is not available as a witness. In this connection a photostatic copy of the airtel referred to is attached for the Bureau's further review and consideration.

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October 2, 1959

[REDACTED]  
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your letter of  
September 28, 1959.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me,  
and your interest in advising me of the forthcoming  
publication of Mr. Penha's book is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

① - Boston - Enclosure

ATTENTION SAC: Bufiles fail to reflect any information concerning  
the book mentioned. It is noted that Armando Penha was a paid security  
informant of your office from 1950 until 1955. You should attempt to  
confirm information reported by this correspondent and provide the  
Bureau with appropriate data concerning this book no later than 10/12/59.  
Your communication should be marked to the attention of the Crime  
Records Division.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIV.

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED]

ARMANDO PENHA, FORMER [REDACTED] REBOSAIRTEL OCT. TWELVE  
LAST, CC NEW YORK, ADVISING PENHA HAD SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPT OF  
BOOK TO HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, NYC. PENHA TODAY ADVISED HE  
IS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM WALTER I. BRADBURY, VICE PRESIDENT,  
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, DATED OCT. EIGHT LAST. MANUSCRIPT WAS  
RETURNED BY COMPANY WITH STATEMENT THAT HIS BOOK NOT ACCEPTED  
BECAUSE OF QUESTIONABLE ECONOMIC VALUE. PENHA WILL ADVISE  
BOSTON DIV. IN EVENT HE SUBMITS MANUSCRIPT TO ANY OTHER PUBLISHER.

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J. L. Sullivan  
Sent by Radio*Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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Per *[Signature]*

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November 12, 1959

Mr. Armand Penha  
Advisor  
American Heritage Committee  
131 North William Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Penha:

Your letter of November 4, 1959, with enclosures, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your generous remarks regarding my administration of the FBI.

In response to your request, I must advise that as Director of the FBI I have received many requests to endorse organizations whose prime purposes are to combat the communist menace. While I would like to be of service to you, I am unable to offer the specific endorsement you seek, and I am sure you will understand my position. I am, of course, gratified to know of instances of group action to educate and alert our citizens to the evils of this atheistic doctrine.

I am indeed honored by your efforts to secure so many signatures to the resolution commending this Bureau, and I earnestly hope our future endeavors will continue to merit your praise. I am returning the enclosures which you so thoughtfully furnished.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO :

[redacted] (Att Supv)

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FROM :

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SUBJECT:

ARMANDO TENHA  
Bufile (100-372696)

Attached are two copies of an interview of Tenha by Dean Manion which was broadcast over the Manion Forum, South Bend, Indiana on 2/28/60.

Tenha sent these two copies to Agents Kearney and [redacted] in the mail on 3/7/60.

One copy is for Tenha's file and the other could be sent to the Bureau.

1cc [redacted]

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TO : SAC

DATE: 3/17/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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The following is the identification of individuals listed in an advertisement appearing in the PROVIDENCE EVENING BULLETIN, 3/16/60, as appearing in the 1959 Pawtucket City Directory.

DR. PERCY HODGSON, (wife Edith M.) [REDACTED] Lincoln, Rhode Island; President & Treasurer of Parkin Yarn Mill, Inc., 20 Commerce Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

MARTIN L. TARPY, [REDACTED], Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Presidency & Treasurer Tarp's Inc., Meat Wholesaler, 71 Dexter Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

HENRY E. CROWE, [REDACTED] Barrington, Rhode Island; Attorney, Crowe, Hetherington & Chester, 255 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

FRANK A. MARTIN, JR., [REDACTED] Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Frank A. Martin & Son, Real Estate and Insurance, 188 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

CHARLES H. LAWTON, [REDACTED] Pawtucket, Rhode Island; C.H. Lawton & Son, Real Estate & Auctioneer, 210 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

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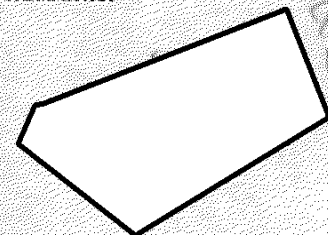
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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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TO : SAC ( ATT. SUPV [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/17/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA [REDACTED]

Pursuant to instructions from SUPV [REDACTED] on March 17, 1960 ARMAND PENHA was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] at the New Bedford Resident Agency in the presence of SA [REDACTED].

PENHA was questioned specifically concerning certain remarks made by him in speeches recently made by him. At the outset of the interview, PENHA was informed that the Bureau did not wish to silence him but wished to ask him concerning statements he made in these speeches. The first matter discussed was a radio address which had been previously taped by PENHA as the result of an interview by DEAN MANION and which was broadcast over the DEAN MANION Forum at South Bend, Indiana on Feb. 28, 1960. In that broadcast PENHA made a statement to the effect that the Communists could take over the U.S. within 24 hours and also made a statement to the effect that there were two thousand Communists in our defense plants. He was asked if he had any reason for making these statements and his answer was that as far as the Communists taking over the nation, he had no specific basis for it but that was his opinion. His answer to the two thousand Communists in defense plants was that he was quoting CONGRESSMAN SHERE, a member of the House COMMITTEE on Un-American Activities who had previously used these figures.

PENHA was asked if he had been misquoted by DEAN MANION of if there was anything in the printed copy of the broadcast that was not true and his answer was that he had been interviewed prior to the broadcast for about 45 minutes by Dean MANION who told him that he would cut down the interview to a 15 minute broadcast.

PENHA was then questioned concerning a speech he made to the PAWTUCKET ROTARY CLUB, Pawtucket, R. I. March 10/60 and his attention was called to an article in the Providence Journal of 3/11/60 captioned "Says Most Fair Housing Bills Inspired by Reds". PENHA was asked if he made the statement that most Fair Housing Bills were Communist inspired. His answer was that first of all the question of Fair Housing was not the subject of his talk before the PAWTUCKET ROTARY CLUB but that the matter of Fair Housing came up during a question and answer period following his regular talk; secondly he said he did not say that the Fair Housing Bill was Communist inspired but what he did say was "The Bill was identical to an article issued by the National Lawyer's Guild" and he quoted from the list of subversive organizations contained in the House Committee booklet to the effect that the N L G was a communist front.

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PENHA said that he has been given to understand that the Providence Journal was wrong in criticizing him editorially; that the PAWTUCKET ROTARY CLUB was going to insert a paid advertisement in the Providence Journal within the next day or two to the effect that the matter of the Fair Housing had come up in a question and answer period during PENHA's talk and more or less backing PENHA up in his dispute with the Providence Journal.

Furthermore PENHA said he has placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer who is contemplating suing the Providence Journal for libel.

The third matter which PENHA was questioned about was a speech he made in Keene N. H. before the Catholic Parents Association which speech was carried in the New Bedford Standard Times on March 14, 1960 captioned "Penha charges Reds in Area" This article read as follows:

Charges that New Bedford Mass. organizations have become "victims of the Communist conspiracy" were made in a speech by Armand Penha, former FBI counter-spy before the Catholic Parents Association.

The Fairhaven Mass man said that in the New England area "including my own New Bedford area legitimate organizations - civic, religious, educational and fraternal, being very loose in organizational matters have become victims of the Reds." He said letter-heads of these organizations are being used by Communists and their agents.

When questioned about his remarks in this speech, PENHA said he had not issued a press-release and that he was misquoted.

PENHA was asked if he knew of any organization of any kind in New Bedford at the present time which was a victim of the Communist conspiracy. His answer was that he knew of two such organizations. He was then asked to identify them and he said one was the Portuguese Educational Society. He said this has about 200 members and has been in existence for about 10 or 12 years. He was asked why he felt this was a victim of the CC and his answer was that the organization was controlled by a MANUEL CALADO, a former president. He was asked if he ever knew if CALADO was a Communist and he said he did not know that CALADO was a Communist but in his opinion he was a "strong sympathizer or fellow traveler". He was then asked if he had ever reported on CALADO. He said he reported on him about 1950 or 51 when CALADO was assistant editor of the Portuguese Daily News published in New Bedford. He said at that time that Joe Figueiredo, the then Communist leader in New Bedford told PENHA that CALADO was a Communist or a member of the Young Communist League or it's equivalent in Portugal and that Joe FIGUEIREDO was the only one that knew this. PENHA said at that time he went to CALADO at the PORTUGUESE DAILY NEWS because about that time

EULA FIGUEIREDO, Joe FIGUEIREDO's wife, was about to be deported and the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born wanted to obtain information to show that if EULA was deported to Portugal she would be sent to a concentration camp in Portuguese Africa. PENHA said he could not recall exactly whether CALADO gave him the information from the files of the P. D. N. or copied it down for him but that he did obtain the information and PENHA turned it over to MICHAEL A. RUSSO or some other Communist leader at that time.

PENHA said that he heard that the Portuguese Educational Society wanted to present him with a plaque for his work as an FBI Counter-spy and that CALADO opposed it and he said he could not understand how one man could control a whole organization in this manner.

PENHA stated that the other organization in New Bedford that in his opinion has been victimized by Communists is the Portuguese American Civic League. He said within the past month or 6 weeks a letter was addressed to another organization in New Bedford on a letterhead of the PACL signed by "a few members of the Men's Council". This letter, using what PENHA said was "vicious and violent language" objected to the erection of a statue to Portuguese immigrants to this country. He stated that it had been ascertained that this letter had not been authorized by the officers of the PACL and that he, PENHA, had been told by MARY ORCUTT, an officer of the PACL auxiliary, that she felt this was a Communist trick. PENHA said he advised her to bring the letter to the attention of the Postal authorities and to the FBI.

When asked about other organizations in New Bedford, PENHA said he did not know of any organizations which were infiltrated or victimized by Communists of his own knowledge but that he was shown a list by a CHARLES FRATES of New Bedford of organizations which had been victimized by Communists.

PENHA said, in his speech at Keene, N. H., he had these two organizations in mind when he quoted "a few techniques of the Communists" from a book on that subject by LOUIS BUDENZ.

PENHA stated that it was Mr. HOOVER himself in "Masters of Deceit" who pointed out that there are various kinds of Communists and fellow travelers, and therefore he would continue to talk and fight communism regardless of whether he was criticized by newspaper editors or anyone else.

On 3/17/60 MARY LOUISE ORCUTT [redacted], New Bedford advised she was a past supreme president of PACL Aux. and present chairman of the State & Local Un-American Activities Committee of the PACL. She stated that at a meeting in January 1960 in Freetown, Mass. a CHARLES FRATES, who is a County Commissioner of Bristol Co. and an officer of the PACL mentioned the fact that some unauthorized person had used a letterhead of the PACL but there was nothing said by Mr. FRATES or anyone else at that meeting that the person who wrote the letter was a communist or anything about communism.



Miss ORCUTT said she later mentioned this letter to ARMOND PENHA because she and PENHA are both members of the AMERICAN HERITAGE Committee to ask him if he thought the FBI could conduct an investigation to find out who wrote the letter and that it was PENHA who told her it sounded like a Communist technique. PENHA said that writing a letter like that was a Communist tactic.

CHARLES A FRATES a funeral director at 265 County St. New Bedford and a County Commissioner of Bristol County for the past 12 years advised that another Portuguese club called the Club Sport Madeirense, Inc. at 1626 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford had received a letter on the letterhead of the PACL signed "a few members of the Men's Council". The tone of the letter was that the writers of the letter objected to the erection of a statue to the Portuguese Immigrants in New Bedford. FRATES said there was nothing in the letter about Communists and as far as he was concerned he never mentioned anything about Communists in connection with this letter nor did he show the letter to PENHA. FRATES said he met PENHA only once and that was sometime ago when he had to present a plaque to PENHA from the PACL and he recalled at that time PENHA making a statement to the effect "you have some in your own organization" meaning Communists.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

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SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED]

ARMANDO PENHA  
FORMER BOSTON INFORMANT

Re Boston airtel 3/15/60.

PENHA was contacted on 3/17/60 and he advised he did not have any specific information concerning alleged CP influence in current legislation concerning fair housing in Rhode Island.

PENHA was advised to be accurate in any future speeches he may give.

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TO :

SAC [REDACTED]

DATE:

3/30/60

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Armando Lerba  
Farmer [REDACTED]

On 3/30/60 Postmaster, Ronald  
Stark advised a Society at Gloucester,  
Mass. desires Lerba as a speaker.  
He was advised a letter  
to Lerba, Taunton, Mass. would  
reach him.

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Providency R. L.  
Apr. 7, 1960

F. B. I.  
Providency R. L.

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Gentlemen,

10/25/59 - 9 AM man at Chapel.  
I had to leave mess early. Heat  
leaky. Windows even open. Outside  
temp 62°.

I met Charles Sheen outside.  
He said, "I saw you leave at midnight.  
He continued the man between in words.  
and would say inside of in then me.  
He also said 2 ladies new him were  
kissing. His last statement was, I was  
glad to get out and get some air.  
I did not know he was in the room  
seat when I left. He stopped me and  
started the conversation. This is not  
emotional, just a fact.

3/20/60 - 9:10 AM I got on the elevator  
and said Hey Eddie to the operator Edward  
Reardon. He closed the 2 doors. Then  
operator came and said, I heard some  
one say Hey Eddie. He did they repeated  
what I said.

Some time ago I reported that Bill  
Higgins heard some one say Bill.  
This is also not emotional.  
For the second time I declined to  
go to Brighton - these statements can  
be verified.

Respectfully yours

Providency R. L.



Providence R.I.

Apr. 7, 1960

F.B.I.

Providence R.I.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed is a letter (copy)  
that I sent to Armand Penha.

No response to date.

At the V.A. Hope St.

Mr. Monahan, social worker  
has to come to the Elks and get  
data regarding what goes on in my  
room.

He has a sloppy job.

He also stated I was scientific  
murder. Who is he to rate me.

The enclosed copy shows I  
am trying all ways to get real  
data re - my case.

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Respectfully yours,

Providence R.I.

Copy to F. B. I.

To Veterans Benefit Division.

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3/27/60

Mr. Beaka,  
New Bedford Mass.

Dear Mr. Beaka,

Having read an article in the  
Prov. Sunday Journal 3/20/60 regarding  
your affiliation with the F.B.I. and  
the Communist Party, I am taking the  
liberty to write to you.

Do you know or have you heard  
of anyone who has been bothered with  
Electronic Heat, Radio & Television control  
or voices disturbed them.

If possible let me know, I am  
sure it will be an interesting story, for  
the F.B.I.

This condition exists with me.  
I am a veteran of World War I.

Respectfully yours,

Prudence A. I.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4/8/60

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FROM : SA HOMER E. WILBUR

SUBJECT: FRANCIS F. LAWRENCE  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGARMAND J. PENHA  
FORMER SI

Reference is made to letter to FBI at Providence from LAWRENCE dated 4/7/60, enclosing copy of letter directed by him to PENHA at New Bedford, Mass., dated 3/27/60, attached hereto.

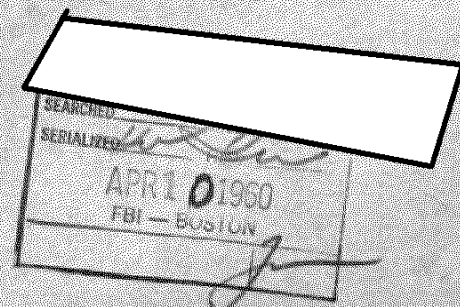
It is not recommended that LAWRENCE's letter be acknowledged in view of his indicated mental condition as reflected by numerous communications on file which have been received over a long period of time.

It is noted that LAWRENCE in his letters continually writes of being bothered by electronic and other heat rays, voices, etc. It is noted that this is the subject of his inquiry in his letter to PENHA.

In view of the possibility that PENHA might contact the Boston office with reference to the letter received by by from RE LAWRENCE it is suggested that a copy of this memo be placed in PENHA's SI file.

No further action is indicated.

cc- File on ARMAND J. PENHA  
Former SI



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TO :

SAC (Att Sup) [redacted]

DATE:

10/22/60

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

ARMANDO TENHA

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Referral/Consult

A [redacted] Boston wrote a letter to TENHA on 10/13/60 stating he would like to interview TENHA regarding a former member of the C.P. It is presumed that TENHA's name and address was obtained from the Boston office as [redacted] had not contacted either SA [redacted] or myself. Attached is copy of letter TENHA sent to [redacted]. Tenha is being advised to cooperate with [redacted].

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Referral/Consult

131 North William St.  
Fairhaven, Mass.  
October 17, 1960.

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I have on hand your letter which requests from me information pertaining to the Communist Party and or, one of its former members as you state.

I shall be most happy to comply with your request. If the following dates are acceptable to you, I shall be available and at your disposal:

Oct. 28 or 29, Nov. 11 or 12.

Apprx. Time: 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Place: 131 North William Street  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Please be free to call upon me whenever it may be necessary to do so.

Sincerely,

Armando Penha

Referral/Consult

This is a copy of a letter which I sent to  
On sending you both letters  
so that you may know about this request,  
and if my willingness to assist was  
correct - I assume it must be -

Armando

SAC, BOSTON (100-568)  
(Attn: Supervisor [REDACTED])

November 4, 1960

SA [REDACTED]

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OTIS ARCHER HOOD  
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[REDACTED] On October 28, 1960, ARMANDO PENHA, formerly advised that he had received a letter dated October 27, 1960, from G. L. NEAL, Principal of the High School, Holbrook, Mass., inviting PENHA to speak at some future date to the students of Holbrook High School.

PENHA stated that in the letter NEAL sought information concerning a WARREN MC KENNA whom NEAL said attended the 1957 World Youth Festival and then went on to China.

NEAL's letter continued, according to PENHA, by stating "We have the honor? of having OTIS ARCHER HOOD move into our community through this other man who seems to follow the communist line."

PENHA stated that NEAL's letter implied that HOOD has moved to Holbrook through McKENNA's influence.

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It is suggested that an Agent contact G. L. NEAL if additional information is needed concerning WARREN MC KENNA.

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(WARREN MC KENNA)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413128)

11/15/60

SAC, BOSTON (100-29391)

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JOHN LOPES CORDEIRO  
SM - C

Re: Boston letter dated 10/5/59.

Referral/Consult

On 10/28/60 ARMANDO PENHA, 131 North William St., Fairhaven, Mass. (former [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had been interviewed on that date by [redacted]

[redacted], 1047 Commercial St., Boston 13, Mass. [redacted] advised PENHA that the interview was for the purpose of [redacted]

[redacted] PENHA advised [redacted]

PENHA recalled JOHN LOPES CORDEIRO, proprietor of the Red Wing Variety Store, 96 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford, Mass., as a Communist Party member-at-large in New Bedford, Mass. during 1950 and 1951. CORDEIRO was not re-registered in the Communist Party in 1952 because of his fear of public exposure as a Communist and also because of the influence of his wife who was not sympathetic with the Communist Party movement.

With the exception of occasional donations and subscriptions to "The Worker", CORDEIRO was not active in the Communist Party and participated in no other Communist Party activities during the period of his membership. PENHA cannot now recall amounts of donations made by the subject or circumstances thereof. However, he recalls that the subject paid his Communist Party dues in 1951 and during the 1950-1952 period the subject made a few small donations to the Communist Party whenever he was approached. PENHA also recalled that the subject subscribed to "The Worker" during the early 1950's but cannot recall the exact years.

PENHA could recall no Communist Party activity on the part of this subject subsequent to the period 1952 or 1953.

The above <sup>and below</sup> is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Boston files reflect the following:

ARMANDO PENHA, former [redacted] advised on 9/6/51 that the subject quit the Communist Party sometime around 1951.

This informant advised on 9/6/51 that the subject had left the Communist Party but had contributed \$10.00 to the Party during the past year.

According to this informant, on 7/15/54, subject was not a member of the Communist Party during 1952, 1953 and 1954.

PENHA stated the subject appeared to be originally drawn into the Communist Party through his hatred of the Fascist regime in Portugal and that he had no Marxist training. It was the informant's opinion that the subject was intellectually incapable of comprehending Marxist doctrine.

PENHA advised the subject donated to the Communist Party and paid dues prior to the approximate year 1951. This informant advised that during 1951 the subject contributed \$10.00 to the Communist Party. PENHA advised that since the year 1951 the subject has made no donations to the Communist Party, to his knowledge.

In 1951 and 1954 PENHA advised the subject was a subscriber to "The Worker" or "Daily Worker" on 2/14/52 and 2/14/53 respectively.

PENHA advised the subject refused to renew his subscription to "The Worker" or "Daily Worker" for 1954.



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TO- SAC, BOSTON

FROM- SAC, MILWAUKEE [REDACTED]

ARMAND PEHNA, MISCELLANEOUS. PEHNA, LISTED AS RESIDENT OF FAIRHAVEN, MASS., AND BILLED AS FORMER UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR FBI WHO WAS CP MEMBER FROM NINETEEN FIFTY TO FIFTYEIGHT, SCHEDULED TO SPEAK THURS. NEXT BEFORE WAUWATOSA, WIS. WOMEN-S CLUB, AND THAT EVENING BEFORE GROUP AT MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, ON QUOTE, SURVIVAL OR SURRENDER, UNQUOTE. BRUCE WALLACE, RADIO STATION WTMJ, MILWAUKEE, HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO GRANT RADIO TIME TO PEHNA ON BEHALF OF WAUWATOSA WOMEN-S CLUB. HAS NO PRIOR INFO CONCERNING PEHNA. MILWAUKEE INDICES NEGATIVE. RELATIONS WITH WTMJ CORDIAL. PLEASE SUTEL TONIGHT PEHNA-S STATUS.

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FROM- SAC, MILWAUKEE [REDACTED]

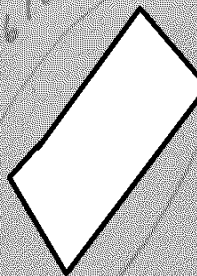
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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE

FROM: SAC, BOSTON

ARMAND PENHA, MISCELLANEOUS. REYOURTEL INSTANT. FOR YOUR INFORMATION. PENHA IS A FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT OF THE BOSTON OFFICE. HE VOLUNTARILY FURNISHED INFORMATION OF A SECURITY NATURE WHICH CAME TO HIS ATTENTION CONCERNING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES TO THIS BUREAU FROM NINETEEN FIFTY TO NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. DURING MARCH NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT HIS IDENTITY WAS REVEALED WHEN HE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, BOSTON, MASS. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY A SOURCE OF INFORMATION BUT DISCONTINUED IN THIS CAPACITY IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. THE BUREAU GRANTED AUTHORITY TO ANSWER PRESS INQUIRIES RE PENHA AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE ARMANDO PENHA WAS NEVER A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE F.B.I. HE VOLUNTARILY FURNISHED INFORMATION OF A SECURITY NATURE WHICH CAME TO HIS ATTENTION CONCERNING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES TO THIS BUREAU FROM NINETEEN FIFTY UNTIL NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. UNQUOTE.

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SA [REDACTED]

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Attached FD-302 reflects interview of  
EDWARD ALPHONSE FONTAINE on 5/2/61 at New Bedford, Mass.

It is to be noted that information furnished by  
FONTAINE regarding ARTHUR SCHWARTZ has been furnished  
previously to the NYO.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and his official position as a Special Agent of the FBI. He was advised that he did not have to furnish any oral information or written statement, that if such were offered it would have to be purely voluntary and not motivated by any offer of reward or threat of punishment, and that it might be used in court against him. He was advised of his right to counsel.

[redacted] stated he would willingly furnish oral information regarding his Communist activities and those of others but would not furnish a signed statement or testify in any proceedings, as he did not wish to publicly harm any person. He furnished the following information:

About twenty years ago, while in prison, he first came across a book by KARL MARX and attempted to read it. Although he did not understand it, he did get the impression that the Communist Party supported the plight of the working man.

Around 1949, during some labor dispute in New Bedford, Massachusetts, he was handed a handbill by some unidentified person. The handbill was issued by the Communist Party and contained a return address in Boston, Massachusetts, to which he wrote.

Shortly afterwards, JOSEPH FIGUEIREDO came to his home and introduced himself as head of the New Bedford, Massachusetts Communist Party and convinced [redacted] to become a member.

[redacted] became a member of the New Bedford, Massachusetts Communist Party in the late Spring or early Summer of 1949 at a Communist Party meeting held over the Green Front Cafe on South Water Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and paid his dues of 10¢, which were the dues assessed unemployed persons.

On 5/12/61 at New Bedford, Mass. File # [redacted] BS 100-25649  
by SA [redacted] /ner Date dictated 5/18/61



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He took no active part in the Communist Party except to attend an occasional meeting until September, 1950 when he obtained employment in the Wamsutta Mills in New Bedford, Massachusetts and was elected to the union's executive board. The Communist Party then took an active interest in him and he met with ARNOLD SCHWARTZ, LOUIS KUSHAFF and JOHN VIEIRA, now deceased, who were also Communist Party members at Wamsutta.

Around January, 1952, because of his aggressiveness in union affairs, it appeared that the company was seeking a reason to fire him. This came on March 17, 1952 when he was fired for leaving early the previous Friday evening. The Communist Party attempted half heartedly and unsuccessfully to obtain his reinstatement.

With his usefulness to the party terminated with the loss of his job the Communist Party lost interest in him and he with the Communist Party. Subsequent to 1953, other than receipt of "The Worker" in 1954, he recalls only two incidents where he participated in any Communist activity. In the summer of 1955 he recalls assisting Communist Party members to distribute leaflets in the South End of New Bedford, Massachusetts, but could not recall the substance of the leaflets. In the latter part of 1955 he attended a Communist Party affair honoring Smith Act defendants in Boston, Massachusetts with ARMAND PENHA, OLGA GARCZYNSKI and LOUIS KUSHAFF whom he then knew as Communist Party members.

He recalls paying Communist Party dues only once and that was at his original initiation to the Communist Party. Thereafter he suspects that LOUIS KUSHAFF paid dues for him and subscribed to "The Worker" on his behalf. He never paid any money for a subscription to "The Worker". Because he was unemployed he frequently worked as an odd job handy man for KUSHAFF and the latter kept him in spending money for cigarettes and beer.

At one time ROLAND BOTELHO, whom he also knew as a Communist Party member, lived with KUSHAFF and accordingly FONTAINE made BOTELHO's acquaintance while working around KUSHAFF's home at 11 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, Massachusetts. FONTAINE recalls that on one occasion he, FONTAINE, told ARMAND PENHA who was then head of the New Bedford, Massachusetts

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Communist Party, that BOTELHO had a hunting gun and because BOTELHO was such a half-wit", ARMAND should attempt to get BOTELHO to dispose of the gun. ARMAND and BOTELHO later told him that this had been done.

FONTAINE has no recollection whatever of any incident wherein he wanted or urged BOTELHO to make a homemade bomb intended for LOUIS BUDENZ at any time. He is aware that an allegation to this effect was made by ARMAND PENHA in testimony before the House Committee on Unamerican Activity hearings held in Boston, Massachusetts a few years ago. He said if ever he urged such a thing he most certainly must have been drunk at the time and without control of his mental faculties. This, he said, was the only explanation possible. FONTAINE insisted that he was not violent or revolutionary in any way and as proof he cited the warning he had given PENHA regarding BOTELHO's possession of a hunting gun. At the same time he admitted that he (FONTAINE) was a heavy drinker and that he had been arrested on numerous occasions by the New Bedford, Massachusetts Police for drunkenness among other offenses.

Since the time that he attended the aforementioned Communist Party affair in Boston in late 1955, he has had no connection whatsoever with the New Bedford, Massachusetts Communist Party, nor has he even met a Communist Party member with the one exception of seeing ALBERT TREMBLAY to say hello. TREMBLAY was also known to FONTAINE as a Communist Party member during the time that FONTAINE was active in the Communist Party.

FONTAINE's disillusionment with the Communist Party started when the party was unable to assist him when he was fired from the Wamsutta Mills in 1952 after FONTAINE had aggravated company officials by following Communist Party bidding to be aggressive. Gradually the realization dawned on him that the Communist Party was not really interested in the working man and his one time attraction for the Communist Party turned to bitterness. He also objected to Communist Party secrecy and semi-legality. He is no longer interested in the Party or its principles. He is rearing his children in religion and he hopes that he can forget this great mistake which he made and which he now sincerely regrets.



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FONTAINE furnished the following descriptive  
information concerning himself:

Name:	EDMOND ALPHONSE FONTAINE
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
Date of Birth:	April 12, 1919
Place of Birth:	New Bedford, Massachusetts
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	135 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Gray
Complexion:	Fair
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	
Children:	

Occupation:	Unemployed
Residence:	157 Liberty Street, 1959-1961;
(All New Bedford,	100 Presidential Heights,
Massachusetts)	1952-1959;
	175 Sawyer Street, 1951-1952;
	154 Bellerville Avenue,
	1950-1951;
Hobby:	Gardening

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## Ex-Red Says Communists Held Providence Meetings

Armando Penha of Fairhaven said here last night that he attended 25 to 27 meetings of Communist Party leaders at a Providence restaurant between 1953 and 1958.

Mr. Penha, who once gave information to the FBI while he was a Communist Party

member, said the management of the restaurant was unaware of the nature of the meetings.

Among those who attended the meetings, Mr. Penha said, were such top national Communist Party leaders as Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Gus Hall.

Mr. Penha spoke at a dinner meeting of the Providence Exchange Club at Johnson's Hummocks.

During a question period Mr. Penha said he "couldn't give the name of one Communist in Rhode Island today." He said that his sources of information in the party were severed when he testified before a Boston grand jury in 1953.

In answer to a question, Mr. Penha said he believes the greatest internal threat to the United States today is from left-wing rather than right-wing organizations.

The John Birch Society, he said, has "many, many good people" among its members although "some may be crackpots or confused."

The dinner meeting was held as part of the Exchange Club's observation of National Crime Prevention Week. Charles W. Selen is chairman of the program.

Boston American, Boston, Mass.  
Boston Globe, Boston, Mass.  
Boston Herald, Boston, Mass.  
Boston Traveler, Boston, Mass.  
Christian Science Monitor,  
Boston, Mass.  
Daily Record, Boston, Mass.

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Armando Penha (center) is welcomed to Exchange Club meeting by Donald S. Paige (left), president, and Charles W. Selen, program chairman for the week.

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10/26/62

SAC, NEW YORK (100-88927)

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On 10/26/62, [redacted] appeared at the NYO and was interviewed by SA [redacted]

[redacted] a professional artist and an officer of the American Artists Professional League, 112 East 19th Street, New York 3, New York, has appeared at the NYO on several occasions. He resides at [redacted], New York City. [redacted] has made allegations in the past that the Communist Party (CP) has infiltrated the fine arts field.

On 10/26/62, [redacted] introduced [redacted] [redacted] Mass., whom [redacted] described as a fellow officer of the American Institute of Milton, Mass. [redacted] also noted that he and [redacted] were also officers in that institute.

[redacted] advised that he brought [redacted] to the NYO to relate the following personal event concerning [redacted] which could be of interest to the FBI, and particularly to the Boston Office. ARMANDO PENHA, described by [redacted] and [redacted] as "well known" to the Boston Office" and as a regularly-employed consultant for the American Institute, is believed to be the same ARMANDO PENHA known to the NYO as a long-time informant of the Boston Office.

According to [redacted] instructed his wife to give PENHA two personal checks, predated to 10/15/62. [redacted] intention was to give PENHA a personal loan in this fashion. PENHA, however, asked [redacted] wife to date the checks 10/2/62 and to increase the amount somewhat. She did. [redacted] stopped payment and PENHA got angry and left the American Institute, taking with him several "valuable members."

Both [redacted] and [redacted] thought that the FBI might be interested in this personal transgression of PENHA.

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1 - NY 100-88927 (414)

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The indices of the NYO reflect that in early 1950, [redacted] New York City, a prominent New York Latvian leader (protect), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] was a vice-president of Latvian Relief, Inc., 92 Liberty Street, New York City. [redacted] was described by [redacted] as being consistently anti-Communist and anti-Soviet.

The indices of the NYO also disclosed a Bureau teletype dated 6/13/58, concerning a visit of the Soviet Moyseyev Dancers, quoting a "Boston Daily Record" article in which [redacted] of Wollaston, Mass., protested to the U. S. State Department that certain members of the dance group were Soviet agents.

It is also noted that Boston letter to New York dated 5/9/50, entitled [redacted] True name [redacted] SECURITY MATTER (LATVIAN), also makes reference to [redacted] and to [redacted] of [redacted], New York City.

The NYO deems it advisable that the names [redacted] and [redacted] be kept confidential in this matter.

The NYO plans no further action in this matter and is relaying the information along to the Boston Office for its information.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 4-4-63

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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARMAND PENHA  
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GEORGE P. DUCHARME, Public Relation Director in New England for Kempa Insurance Co., advised that JAMES G. KEMPA, Chairman of Board for Kempa Insurance Co. received a letter from GEORGE PROULX address to JAMES G. KEMPA advising that they want to present a Civic award to KEMPA for his stand in the ALGER HISS which appearance Mr. KEMPA made on TV last Sept. 1962

Mr. DUCHARME stated GEORGE PROULX started the letter by saying "I have been asked by Mr. ARMAND PENHA to contact you, Mr. PENHA is a former undercover agent for the FBI and at present is still serving his country as an unpaid advisor to the Department of Justice and he is also a close associate of DAN SULLIVAN, who is Executive Director of Institute of American Strategy."

Mr. DUCHARME advised that he would like to know if the Heritage Committee of New Bedford is a front organization in which this committee was mentioned in the letter and also if ARMAND PENHA was working for the FBI.

Mr. DUCHARME advised the above info on 4-4-63 at 4:35 P.M. and can be contacted at HU 2-8450. X341

4-5-63

*Advised Mr. Ducharme - as per Bureau  
authorized press release re Pena - no more  
Suggests he might contact State sources  
re Heritage Committee - as our  
files Confidential -*

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Date: April 8, 1963

To: Mr. Herbert Lewis  
Director  
Industrial Personnel Access  
Authorization Review Division  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
of Defense (Manpower)  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ARNOLD SCHWARTZ  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference is made to your letter dated April 1, 1963, concerning the captioned individual.

Confidential Informants T-1 and T-3 referred to in your letter designate Armando Penha. Penha was a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1950 to 1956. He furnished this Bureau with information regarding the CP and related activities on a regular basis from 1950 to 1958. He was compensated for the information he furnished but was not a Special Agent of the FBI. Penha has furnished reliable information in the past.

Penha publicly testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1958. He has indicated a willingness to testify in other cases. As of June, 1960, he was employed as Americanism Director, Public Affairs Department, Yankee Network Division, RKO Teleradio Pictures, Incorporated, 21 Brookline Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

If you interview Penha, you are requested to furnish the results to this Bureau prior to using him as a witness.

- 2 - Boston [redacted] (See note page 2)  
2 - New York (100-110716) (See note page 2)
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]



Mr. Herbert Lewis

NOTE SACs, BOSTON AND NEW YORK:

The Department of Defense by referenced letter advised that a personal appearance proceeding is in preparation and requested the identity, availability and reliability of certain informants designated in reports previously furnished to them.

If you receive the results of the Department of Defense interview with Penha (former [redacted]) handle in accordance with instructions in SAC Letter 57-46. This will require that you compare Penha's statements to the Department of Defense with the information he has previously furnished.

Any significant discrepancies should be brought to the Bureau's attention in order that the Defense Department may be notified before Penha is used as a witness.



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TO : SAC [REDACTED]  
Attn: Supervisor [REDACTED]

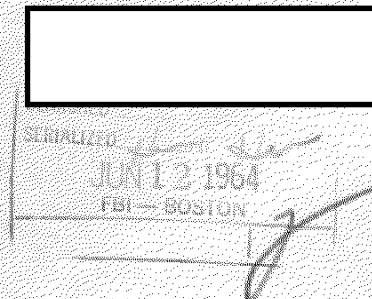
FROM : SA JOHN E. KEARY

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 6-15-64

On 6-2-64, ARMANDO PENHA, former Security Informant of the Boston Division, advised that he was currently residing at 78 North Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, and that he is unemployed.

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ReBulet to Office of Assistant Secretary of  
Defense (Administration), cc Boston, dated 1/19/66.

A review of the report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 2/17/65, entitled "ANN WHITE, nee LEVINE, aka Mrs. GEOFFREY  
WARNER WHITE, wa. Ann Whitman," Bufile 100-372543, Bufile  
100-23071, reflects that BS T-1 was BS [REDACTED] a discontinued  
informant who has never been exposed and is not available for  
testimony; BS T-2 was [REDACTED] BS T-3 was a fixer and  
BS T-4 was [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] Bufile  
[REDACTED] Bufile [REDACTED] who is not available for testimony.

[REDACTED] is ARMANDO PENHA, a former security informant  
of the Boston Office who now resides at 68 North Street, New  
Bedford, Mass., and is employed as a salesman for Bankers Life  
and Casualty Insurance Company, 1301 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford,  
Mass. He was a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1950  
to 1956.

PENHA voluntarily furnished information of a security  
nature to the FBI from 1950 to 1958, for which he was compensated.  
During March, 1958, his identity was revealed when he testified  
before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Boston,  
Mass. He was subsequently a source of information, but was  
discontinued in this capacity in 1959. He was considered reliable.

On 2/16/66 PENHA was contacted by SA [REDACTED] at  
New Bedford, Mass. At this time he advised he would have no  
objection to being contacted by a representative of the Department  
of Defense in connection with this matter. PENHA pointed out,  
however, that as it has been more than ten years since he has had  
any association with CP members, it would be necessary to refresh  
his recollection on many matters.

2-Bureau (RM)  
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